

Friends of
WLRN, Inc.
Public Radio and Television
172 NE 15th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

May 27, 2004

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Friends of WLRN, Inc. is a non-profit corporation that holds an ITFS license in Metro-Dade County, Florida. For more than ten years our four channels have been actively programmed with instructional and teacher education programming. All our channels are currently used to their full capacity during the months that schools are in session.

We have joined with the Metro-Dade County Public Schools and South Florida ITV Inc. to create a programming consortium that more efficiently supports the needs of education in our broadcast area.

The commercialization of any part of the spectrum which Friends has held, constructed and used for fifteen years would both disrupt our current services and our planning for the future use of NLOS technology and the benefits that such a service provides to hundreds of thousands of learners.

Our communications with other licensees confirms that such a change would have an equally devastating effect on educational program throughout the State of Florida.

We urge that the Commission not take any action that reduces the amount of spectrum allocated to ITFS licensees or allows any further commercializing of the ITFS spectrum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Lewis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rick Lewis
Executive Director

Cc: Governor Jeb Bush
Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy
Commissioner Kevin Martin
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein